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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A call processing system comprising:
a switch component to receive incoming telephone calls; and
a client computer system that receives data from the switch component regarding caller identity and generates a customized response in accordance with user defined ~~rules or~~ preferences, the ~~rules and~~ preferences define responses are based at least upon an inferred current status of the called user client based upon at least one of the called user's client's calendar application, video camera, microphone, keyboard, PDA, vehicle, and GPS, the inferred current status is based upon at least a probabilistic model.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, the computer system comprising a call processing component that generates a message to be played to a caller.
3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, the ~~call processing component comprising a~~ preferences contain store for housing user defined rules.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, further comprising a preference application programming interface component adapted to receive one or more preferences and store them in the a preference store.
5. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising a preference execution component adapted to receive and/or retrieve preferences from the preference store and generate a response to an incoming call.
6. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising a translation component adapted to translate a message from a first language to a second language.

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7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the call processing component provides for a called user client subscriber to be notified.
8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, further comprising a context component that determines client a called user's context to facilitate selection of an appropriate notification device and means of notification.
9. (Original) The system of claim 8, the notification device including one of a mobile phone, a pager, a personal computer and a personal digital assistant.
10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the incoming telephone call is parked after it is received to provide sufficient time for response construction..
11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the client computer system is a personal computer.
12. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the client computer system is a television set-top box.
13. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the client computer system is a gaming console.
14. (Currently Amended) A dynamic call processing system comprising:
a means for receiving incoming calls;
a means for providing a client device information about a caller; and
a means for dynamically constructing a message for the caller based at least in part on client a called user's specified rules, the rules are based at least upon an inferred current status of the client called user based upon at least one of the client's called user's calendar application, video camera, microphone, keyboard, PDA, vehicle, and GPS, the inferred current status is based upon at least a probabilistic model.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising a means of playing the constructed message to the caller.
16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, further comprising a means for notifying [[a client subscriber]] the called user of a phone call.
17. (Currently Amended) A method of call processing comprising:
receiving an incoming call;
validating the caller against one or more client called user's rules, the rules are based at least upon an inferred current status of the client called user based upon at least one of the client's called user's calendar application, video camera, microphone, keyboard, PDA, vehicle, and GPS, the inferred current status is based upon at least a probabilistic model; and
constructing a customized message for the caller.
18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising playing the message to the caller.
19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the call is parked after it is received to provide sufficient time for message construction.
20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein a ring tone is simulated while the call is parked.
21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein an audio message asks the caller to hold while the call is processed.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising notifying a-called person the called user of a call.
23. (Original) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions for carrying out the method of claim 17.

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24. (Currently Amended) A method for providing customized call responses comprising:
receiving an incoming telephone call from a caller;
providing a client device caller identification information;
receiving a message from the client device, the message based at least upon an inferred current status of the client a called user based upon at least one of the client's called user's calendar application, video camera, microphone, keyboard, PDA, vehicle, and GPS, the inferred current status is based upon at least a probabilistic model; and
playing the message for the caller.
25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the call is received utilizing a telecommunication switch.
26. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising parking the call after receiving it to provide sufficient time to receive a message from the client device.
27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein parking a call includes simulating a ring tone.
28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein parking a call include asking a caller to hold while the call is processed.
29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the client device applies client called user preferences to generate customized messages for each caller or group of callers.
30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, further comprising notifying [[a]] the called user client subscriber of the call.
31. (Original) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions for carrying out the method of claim 24.

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32. (Currently Amended) A customized call processing methodology comprising:
receiving caller identification information; and
generating a customized message, wherein the message is a function of particular caller
and a specified client called user rule, [[,]] the rule is based at least upon an inferred current
status of the client called user based upon a probabilistic model ~~at least one of the client's~~
~~calendar application, video camera, microphone, keyboard, PDA, vehicle, and GPS.~~

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the caller identification information is
received from a telecommunication company.

34. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the caller identification information is
received *via* an instant messaging channel, thereby avoiding interference from firewalls.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the customized message is a
notification to the called user ~~function of the called party's status.~~

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32 [[35]], the called user's party's status is
determined utilizing data associated with one or more software applications stored on the party's
computing device.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein the application is a calendar or scheduling
application.

38. (Original) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable
instructions for carrying out the method of claim 32.